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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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RESERVE FUND, 1,400,000 Dollars.

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ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Office of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 18, 1879.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000.
RESERVE FUND, £800,000.

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LONDON BANKERS:

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The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.
E. G. VOUILLEMONT,
Manager, Shanghai.
Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,600,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.
At 3 months' notice 3½ per Annum.
" 6 " " 4 " "
" 12 " " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.
GEO. O. SCOTT,
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

BANKS.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000.
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

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THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. " "

" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on Fixed Deposits:—

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. " "

" 3 " 2 per cent. " "

H. H. NELSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Registered in London under the Companies' Act of 1862, on 23rd March, 1866.

Established in Calcutta 29th September, 1863.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £933,000.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £465,250.

RESERVE FUND, £20,000.

HEAD OFFICE:—39A, THEADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON, E.C.

LONDON BANKERS:—

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

All descriptions of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance; and on FIXED DEPOSITS according to arrangement—the maximum rate being 5 per cent. per annum.

R. H. SANDEMAN,
Manager.

Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

Entertainment.

INAUGURAL CONCERT.

NEW TEMPERANCE HALL.

Under the Patronage of His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

A Vocal and Instrumental CONCERT will be given in the

NEW TEMPERANCE HALL,

Fletcher's Buildings, Queen's Road,

THIS EVENING,

18th DECEMBER, AT 8.30 P.M.

The proceeds to be devoted to the Finances of the Institution.

Programmes will be issued.

Tickets—Price \$1—may be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., who will also receive donations to the funds of the Hall.

Hongkong, December 18, 1879. de19

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL.

MISS ELCIA MAY

will give a

PERFORMANCE

for

ONE NIGHT ONLY,

being her

FAREWELL TO THE EAST,

assisted by

THE EMINENT TRAGEDIAN

MR. B. FAIRCLOUGH.

For Particulars, in future Advertisement.

DUNCAN MACALLUM,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 13, 1879.

THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY

will perform

"THE SORCERER"

at the

CITY HALL THEATRE,

On THURSDAY,

the 8th January, at 9 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased and places secured at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., on and after SATURDAY, the 3rd Proximo.

W. WHEELER,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 17, 1879. de19

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED their Usual Assortment of CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS, comprising:—
GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF BOXES.
JEWELRY BOXES and SCENT CADDIES.
PRINCESS STATIONERY CABINETS.
VELVET WORK BAGS.
WORK BOXES in Leather and Fancy Woods.
CARD TRAYS and SCRAP BOOKS.
VELVET PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES.
STATUETTES.

Handsome Bound and Illustrated GIFT BOOKS, comprising:—
PICTURE GALLERY OF MODERN ART.
SWITZERLAND ILLUSTRATED.
WOODLAND ROMANCE.
THE BIRD, BY JULES MICHELET.
THE INSECT, BY JULES MICHELET.
THE BIRD WORLD.
THE EPIC OF HADES.

A Large Assortment of Newest GIFT BOOKS for Boys and Girls.

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR CARDS, the Latest Novelties.

Elegantly Dressed FRENCH DOLLS.

DOLLS' FURNITURE, completely fitted.

SWIMMING and WASHING DOLLS.

MECHANICAL TOYS, in Great Variety.

DOLLS' PERAMBULATORS.

PUZZLES, GAMES, BRICKS.

HORSES and CARTS, WHEEL-BARROWS.

DRUMS, TRUMPETS, GUNS and SWORDS.

THE PRESENT SEASON'S NOVELTIES in COSAQUES, comprising:—
HELEN'S BABIES' CRACKERS, PICTORIAL.

INCIGNITA, COMICAL and CLUB CRACKERS.

BELLES OF THE SEASON, &c., &c., &c.

PAINT BOXES.

CHRISTMAS CAKES and PLUM PUDDINGS.

FRENCH PLUMS. BLOOM MUSCATELS.

CRYSTALLIZED CHOCOLATE BONBONS.

CHOCOLATE in Pretty Boxes, for Presents.

FRENCH BONBONS. DRAGEES.

FRUITS in Noyseau. JUJUBES.

SMYRNA FIGS. BRAZIL NUTS.

BARCELONA ALMONDS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, December 2, 1879. de2

Intimations.



TENDERS will be RECEIVED at this Office up to Noon on the 24th Instant, for Building QUARTERS for a STOREMAN at the Kowloon Naval Yard, in accordance with Plan, Specification and Conditions to be seen on Application to the Undersigned.

The lowest or any Tender will not necessarily be accepted.

WILLIAM HYNES,
For Naval Storekeeper.

Naval Store Office,
Royal Naval Yard,
Hongkong, 17th Dec., 1879. de24

VICTORIA REGATTA, 1879.

TICKETS of ADMISSION to the Flotilla can be obtained from the SECRETARY, V. R. C.

A SUBSCRIPTION LIST is now lying at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, and intending SUBSCRIBERS are requested to Sign it.

L. B. FRIEND,
Hon. Secretary, V. R. C.

Hongkong, December 15, 1879.

HONGKONG PUBLIC SCHOOL.

THE above SCHOOL will be Opened in St. PAUL'S COLLEGE on MONDAY, JANUARY 5th.

Hours (for the present) 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Fee, \$5 per month, payable in advance. Applications for Admission should be made at once to the Right Rev. Bishop BURDON.

By Order of the Committee,
A. LISTER,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 17, 1879. de31

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS has returned and is now ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS.—
No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD.

Hongkong, December 8, 1879.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. BRADLEE SMITH,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 13, 1879. de20

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 20th Inst. until the 3rd Proximo, both days included.

A. NEWTON,
Manager.

Hongkong, December 4, 1879. de13

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR MANILA.

The Steamship

"ESMERALDA,"

Capt. TALBOT, will be de-

spatched for the above Port

on FRIDAY, the 19th Instant, at Noon.

No Cargo will be received after 9 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, December 15, 1879. de19

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship

"NAMO,"

Capt. WESTON, will be de-

spatched for the above Ports

on SUNDAY, the 21st Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPIRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, December 16, 1879. de21

FOR MANILA.

The Steamship

"DIAMANTE,"

Capt. TREAU, will be de-

spatched for the above Port

on MONDAY, the 22nd Inst., at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, December 17, 1879. de22

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship

"SCINDIA,"

Captain WINDHAM, shortly

due, will have quick de-

spatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, November 20, 1879.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE & LONDON VIA CANAL.

The Steamship

"MERIONETHSHIRE,"

Commander, expected here in about a fortnight, will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 13, 1879.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Company's Steamship

"ANTENOR"

will be despatched on or about the 22nd Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, December 10, 1879.

Shipping.

Steamers.

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all Australasian and New Zealand Ports.

TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

The Chartered Steamer

"CRUSADER,"

T. ROWIN, Commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 24th Instant, instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, December 8, 1879. de24

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer

"SOMERSET"

will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 27th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, December 12, 1879. de27

FOR NEW YORK.

The Steamship

"BENGLOE,"

For Sale

CHRISTMAS STORES.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,

BEG to call attention to the following
New Supply of STORES, which
they have received

Ex "GORDON CASTLE,"
And Other Recent Arrivals.

CHRISTMAS CAKES, 4-lb., 5-lb. and
6-lb. each.
CHRISTMAS PLUM PUDDINGS.
PURE AMERICAN CANDIES.
PURE SCOTCH CANDIES.
DRAGEES, ALMONDS.
FANCY CHOCOLATES.
MASSON'S CHOCOLATE CREAMS.
NOGGINES.
CRYSTALLIZED MELTZ FRUITS.
NEW DESIGNS IN CASSIQUES.
"CETWAYO'S HAT BOX."
"MARQUETTE'S JEWEL CASKET."
"GRANDMA'S BONNET BOX."
"EDWIN AND ANGELINA."
&c., &c., &c.

SMYRNA FIGS.
MUSCATEL BLOOM RAISINS.
JORDAN ALMONDS.
BRAZIL NUTS.
PECAN NUTS.
HICKORY NUTS.
COOKING AND TABLE PRUNES.
PUDDING RAISINS AND CURRANTS.
CANDIED PEEL.
MINCEMEAT in 1-lb. tins.
VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.
GARRAWAY SEEDS.
SCHWEITZER'S COCOATINA.
AMERICAN CREAM CHEESE.
SAP SAGE CHEESE.
LIMBURG CHEESE.
PINE APPLE CHEESE.
HAM TONGUE & CHICKEN SAUSAGE.
WESTPHALIAN, BOLOGNA, OXFORD, and
TRUFFLED SAUSAGES.
GAME PIES.
POTTED MEATS.
Prime Yorkshire HAMS.
Prime Wiltshire BACON in tins & Canvas.
Pickled OX-TONGUES.
OX-TONGUES in JELLY.
TRUFFLES.
CALIFORNIA ROLL BUTTER.
CUTTING'S CANNED DESSERT FRUITS.

HUNTLEY & PALMER'S BISCUITS.
CALIFORNIA CRACKER CO.'S GINGER
CAKES.
MILK BISCUITS.
ALPHABET BISCUITS.
OYSTER BISCUITS.
WAFER BISCUITS.
SODA BISCUITS.
First-class and Medium CHAMPAGNES,
Pints and Quarts.
HOCK.
SAUTERNES.
CLARET.
Fine Old Pale PORT, 1848.
SACONNE'S Pale Dry SHERRY.
Do. Amontillado SHERRY.
LA GRANDE MARQUE CHARTREUSE,
Pints and Quarts.
MARASCHINO DE ZARA.
CURACAO.
Fine Old Bourbon WHISKY.
SCOTCH and IRISH WHISKIES.
BASS' ALE Bottled by CAMERON and
SAUNDERS, Pints and Quarts.
GUINNESS'S STOUT Bottled by E. & J.
BURKE, Pints and Quarts.

Specialty Selected CIGARS.
Princesses CHEROOTS.
Cavite CHEROOTS.
Princesses CIGARS.
Cavite CIGARS.
Aroceros CIGARS.
Vegueros CIGARS.
Choice No. 1 Fortin CIGARS in Boxes
of 100.
Choice No. 3 Meisig CHEROOTS.
Choice No. 3 Fortin CIGARS.

PRESENTATION BOOKS.
SCIENTIFIC WORKS.
WORKS OF REFERENCE.
SCHOOL BOOKS.

CHILDREN'S STORY BOOKS.
CHILDREN'S TOY BOOKS.
NOVELS.
ATLAS.

HISTORIES.
DICTIONARIES.

OLLENDORFF'S METHOD for Learning
FRENCH and SPANISH.

DR. AHN'S METHOD for Learning GER-
MAN, FRENCH and SPANISH.

ASHER'S MODEL BOOKS of FOREIGN
COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENCE,
GERMAN, FRENCH and SPANISH.

"NORTH CHINA HERALD" D A T E
BLOCK for 1880.

NEW SEASON'S PRESENT TEA, in 5 and
10 Catty Boxes.

Hongkong, December 15, 1879.

Intimations.

VICTORIA REGATTA.

TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING.
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
19TH AND 20TH DECEMBER, 1879.

FIRST DAY.

Friday, 19th December, 1879.

Patron:—His Excellency JOHN POPE
HENNESSY, C.M.G.
Vice-Patrons:—His Excellency Major-
General DONOVAN, His Excellency Vice-
Admiral COOTE, C.B., R.N., Commodore
SMITH, R.N.

Stewards:—Hon. W. KESWICK, Hon. H.
B. GIBB, W. H. FORBES, Esq., A. MOVER,
Esq., Colonel STUART, R.E., Lieut. Colonel
GIBBES, 27th Inniskillings, Captain
CLEVELAND, H.M.S. Iron Duke, and H.
HOFFIUS, Esq.

Committee:—T. JACKSON, Esq. (Chair-
man), H. E. WOODHOUSE, Esq., E. L.
WOODIN, Esq., E. BEART, Esq., W. HYNES,
Esq., Dr. CLOUTH, Lieut. Commander
ANNESLEY, R.N., W. von BERNER, Esq.,
A. P. McEWEEN, Esq., D. GILLIES, Esq.,
Lieut. J. A. BENNETT, 27th Regiment, and
L. B. FRIEND, Esq. (Hon. Secretary).

Judge:—J. P. McEWEEN, Esq., R.N.
Umpires and Starters:—Rowing, W.
HYNES, Esq., and Captain GEARY, R.A.
Yacht, E. BEART, Esq. Open Sailing
Boats—E. BURNIE, Esq.
Judge of Sailing Races:—Lieut. Com-
mander ANNESLEY, R.N.

FIRST RACE.—1 P.M.—Junior Sculls. For
Single Pair Sculling Boats. Entrance
\$5. Distance One Mile. Prize,
"Brokers' Cup." Open to any one
who has never won a Sculling Race in
China and Japan.

SECOND RACE.—1.30 P.M.—For Gigs pulled
by European Non-Commissioned Offi-
cers and Men of any Regiment or
Corps in Garrison, or by European
Members of the Police Force. Dis-
tance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First
Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Outrigged
Boats excluded.

THIRD RACE.—2 P.M.—The "Chairman's
Cup," for Four-Oared Canton Cutters.
Distance One mile-and-a-half. En-
trance \$10.

FOURTH RACE.—2.30 P.M.—For Men-of-
War Gigs and Whalers. Distance One
Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15;
Second, \$5. Time for Oars, 8 seconds
per Oar.

FIFTH RACE.—3 P.M.—"Senior Sculls,"
Cup presented by the Police Com-
munity. Distance One Mile. En-
trance \$5.

SIXTH RACE.—3.30 P.M.—For House Boats
and Gigs pulled by Chinamen. Dis-
tance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize,
\$15; Second, \$5. Time for Oars, 6
seconds per Oar.

SEVENTH RACE.—4 P.M.—"German Cup"
—open to all Members and Honorary
Members of the Victoria Recreation
Club, to be rowed in Canton Fours.
Distance One Mile. Entrance \$10.

CANOE RACE.—2.30 P.M.—Open to all
Comers. Prizes, \$5, \$3, and \$2—pre-
sented by the Canoe Club. Course—
from the Flagship round a Mark-boat
and back to Flagship. To sail out and
paddle back. Distance about 2 Miles.

SAILING RACE.—For Men-of-War Boats,
any rig. Entrance \$2. First Prize,
\$20; Second, \$10.

SAILING RACE.—For Sailing Ships' Boats
only. Entrance \$2. First Prize, \$20;
Second, \$10.

YACHT RACE.—For all Yachts. Entrance
\$5. Time for Tonnage. Cup present-
ed by the Victoria Recreation Club.

SECOND DAY.

Saturday, 20th December, 1879.

FIRST RACE.—1 P.M.—For Gigs pulled by
European Non-Commissioned Officers
and Men of any Regiment or Corps in
Garrison, or by European Members of
the Police Force. Distance One Mile.
Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15;
Second, \$5. Winner of Second Race
on first day and Outrigged Boats ex-
cluded.

SECOND RACE.—1.30 P.M.—For House
Boats and Gigs pulled by Chinamen.
Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First
Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner of
Sixth Race on first day excluded.
Time for Oars, 6 seconds per Oar.

THIRD RACE.—2 P.M.—International Race.
"Challenge Cup"—presented by the
Merchants of Hongkong—for Four-
Oared Canton Cutters. To be won two
consecutive years before being held.
Distance One Mile. Entrance \$10.

FOURTH RACE.—2.30 P.M.—For Men-of-
War Cutters. Distance One Mile. En-
trance \$1. First Prize, \$20; Second,
\$10. No time allowed for Oars.

FIFTH RACE.—3 P.M.—"Ladies' Purse."
For Single Pair Sculling Boats. Round
Stake Boats and back to Flag Ship.
Entrance \$5. Open to anyone who has
never won a Sculling Race in China or
Japan previous to this Meeting.

SIXTH RACE.—3.30 P.M.—"Members'
Cup"—presented by Members of the
Victoria Recreation Club—for Four-
Oared Canton Cutters. Distance One
mile-and-a-half. Entrance \$10. Win-
ner of "The Chairman's Cup" ex-
cluded.

SEVENTH RACE.—4 P.M.—Race between
Officers of H. M. S. Iron Duke and
Officers of H. M. Fleet in harbour.
Cup presented by the Members of the
Hongkong Club. To be rowed in 5 or
6-oared R.N. Gigs or Whalers. Time
allowance, 6 seconds per Oar. Any
number of Boats on either side allowed
to compete. Distance One Mile. En-
trance \$10.

EIGHTH RACE.—4.30 P.M.—"American
Cup"—open to all Members and Honorary
Members of the Victoria Recreation
Club, to be rowed in Canton Fours.
Distance One Mile. Entrance \$10.

SAILING RACE.—For all open Boats, Chi-
nese excluded. Entrance \$2. First
Prize, \$20; Second, \$10.

YACHT RACE.—For all Yachts. Entrance
\$5. Time for Tonnage. Cup present-
ed by the Victoria Recreation Club.

L. B. FRIEND,

Hon. Secretary, Victoria Recreation Club.
Entries will be received by—Messrs H.
E. WOODHOUSE, E. BEART, W. HYNES,
Lieut. Commander ANNESLEY, R.N., Lieut.
J. A. BENNETT, 27th Regt.; or by L. B.
FRIEND (Hon. Secretary).

Hongkong, November 20, 1879. de20

To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Company's Steamship
"PATROCLUS,"
Capt. M. R. WHITE, will be
despatched TO-MORROW,
the 19th inst., at 4 p.m., instead of as pre-
viously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 18, 1879. de19

FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)

The Spanish Steamer
"CHURRUAGA,"
Captain ABARCA, shortly ex-
pected, will have immediate
despatch for the above Port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, December 18, 1879.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)

The Steamship
"ROMULUS,"
Capt. WATT, will have im-
mediate despatch for the above
Port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, December 18, 1879.

VICTORIA REGATTA, 1879

The attention of all COMPETITORS is
called to Rule No. 5 of the Regatta Re-
gulations, viz:—
5.—"Any Boat not at its Post at the
time appointed," "shall be liable to
be disqualified by the Umpire."
This Rule will be strictly enforced—in
the case of any unreasonable delays.

L. B. FRIEND,
Hon. Secretary, V.R.C.

Hongkong, December 18, 1879.

VICTORIA REGATTA, 1879.

The Steamer FAME will leave PEDDAR'S
WHARF for the FLAGSHIP, on each Day
of the Regatta, at 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m.—
and return from the FLAGSHIP at 5 p.m.

L. B. FRIEND,
Hon. Secretary, V.R.C.

Hongkong, December 18, 1879.

VICTORIA REGATTA, 1879.

It is Particularly Requested, that all
STEAM-LAUNCHES accompanying the Races
will keep behind the Umpire's Boat—so as
not to interfere with the Competitors.

L. B. FRIEND,
Hon. Secretary, V.R.C.

Hongkong, December 18, 1879.

HONGKONG RACES, 1880.

On Account of the ALTERATION in the
departure of the Mails—the Date of the
RACE MEETING has been changed to:—
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, and SATUR-
DAY, February 26th, 27th, and 28th, 1880.

L. B. FRIEND,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, December 18, 1879. de21

HONGKONG RACES, 1880.

HONGKONG DERBY.
NOMINATIONS Close on MONDAY, 22nd
December, 1879.—Addressed to the CLERK
of the COURSE, at the Hongkong Club.

L. B. FRIEND,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, December 18, 1879. de21

REGATTA AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE undermentioned Banks will close
at Noon TO-MORROW and SATUR-
DAY, the 19th and 20th instants, on account
of the Regatta.

They will also close on THURSDAY and
FRIDAY, the 25th and 26th instants, and
THURSDAY the 1st January, being public
holidays.

For the "Oriental Bank Corporation,"
GEO. O. SCOTT, Manager.

For the "Chartered Mercantile Bank of
India, London and China,"
H. H. NELSON, Manager.

For the "Chartered Bank of India, Aus-
tralia and China,"
E. G. MOBERLY, Acting Manager.

For the "Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris,"
E. SCHWEILIN, Acting Agent.

For the "Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-
ing Corporation,"
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the "National Bank of India, Ltd.,"
R. H. SANDEMAN, Manager.

Hongkong, Dec. 18, 1879. ja2



STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-
TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-
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ALSO,
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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
PESHAWUR, Captain C. A. WHITE, will
leave this on WEDNESDAY, the 31st
instants, at 11 p.m.

Tea and General Cargo for London will
be conveyed via Bombay without tranship-
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direct route. Silk and Valuables will be
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For further Particulars, apply to
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Hongkong, December 18, 1879. ja1

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR
DRAMATIC CLUB

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SHERIDAN'S COMEDY
"SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL"

AT THE
CITY HALL THEATRE,
On the EVENING of MONDAY,
the 20TH INSTANT.

Seats may be secured at Messrs LANE,
CRAWFORD & Co.'s, on and after WEDNES-
DAY, the 24th instants.

Hongkong, December 18, 1879. de30

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ment of CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Hongkong, Dec. 18, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,

POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,

ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT

SAID, NAPLES, AND

MARSEILLES;

ALSO,

BOMBAY, COLOMBO, MAHE, ST.

DENIS, AND PORT LOUIS.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 24th December,

1879, at 11 p.m., the Company's

S. S. OLYUS, Commandant RAPAZEL,

with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,

and CARGO, will leave this Port for the

above places.

Cargo and Speed will be registered for

London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for

the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until

10 a.m.

Cargo will be received on board until

Noon, Specie and Parcels until 2 p.m. on

the 24th December, 1879. (Parcels are not

to be sent on board; they must be left

at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the

Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, December 18, 1879. de25

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES

MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo

are requested to send in their Bills of

Lading to the Undersigned for counter-
signature, and take immediate delivery.

This Cargo has been landed and stored at
their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex Anadyr.

although no orders have yet been issued. The General and other Officers visited to-day the scene of the accident.

The P. & O. *Thibet* left to-day at daylight with the Home mail. The commercial community generally seem to have recognized at once the reasonableness of the present arrangement, closing late at night. Business is resumed next morning with a clear desk, and no half day is lost as must invariably be the case when the mail is one closing at midday and causing a rush in business up to that hour. We should fancy the new arrangement will work smoothly enough for all parties. We note that the Yokohama people are very angry at an hour and a day having been fixed for the departure of the mail which deprives them of their Saturday afternoon recess and intrudes on their Day of Rest as well.

The Imperial Mutiny Act has been rechristened the Army Discipline and Regulation Act, 1879, and the Articles of War have been embodied in the new Law, as we stated a fortnight ago or more. A suggestion has now been received by the local Government from the Secretary of State "that any local Act which may have been passed in the Colony for regulating the Militia or Volunteer forces, and which may contain a reference to the Imperial Mutiny Act, should be amended by substituting the Army Discipline and Regulation Act, 1879, for the Mutiny Act and Articles of War."

We have received a neat reprint, from the Chinese Printing Office, of a translation of the Chinese petition on domestic servitude forwarded by "the Chinese Community of Hongkong" to H. E. the Governor. The Chinese text is given; the translations are by Dr. Eitel. The following note, over the signature of Fung Ming Shan, is appended:—

As in the *Hongkong Daily Press* of the 25th October last there appeared what purported to be a translation of the above Chinese petition, and as it was reproduced in the overseas edition of that paper, notwithstanding its correctness having been impugned by one of the Petitioners, it may be necessary to observe that the so-called translation was made and published without the knowledge or authority of the Petitioners and that it contained many terms and phrases which differed in meaning from those used in the Chinese version.

The following account, duly certified, of the average amount of bank notes in circulation in Hongkong, during the month ending 30th November, is published in the *Gazette*:—

	Average amount.	Specie in reserve.
Oriental Bank Corp., Ltd., London & China, 437,836	472,443	250,000
Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China, 467,975		250,000
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, 2,082,676		800,000
Total.....	\$3,460,930	1,450,000

RETURN of Visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending December 14th:—

DEC.	LIBRARY.	MUSEUM.
Mon. 8th,	7	73
Tues. 9th,	5	48
Wed. 10th,	6	65
Thur. 11th,	5	42
Fri. 12th,	6	59
Sat. 13th,	7	54
Sun. 14th,	5	Sunday. Sunday.
Total,	41	341
Grand total,	2,431.	2,049

A TELEGRAM dated London, 13th November, says that after the 1st February all mails to and from the East will be sent via Paris and Modena.

Mr. Moreno, from whom letters have been received by recent vessels, says:—

The Sandwich Islands are the Paradise of the Chinese; and Governor Hennessy has been very badly informed about Honolulu.

The Shanghai papers to hand to-day contain reports that a case had been heard before the U. S. Consulate General, in which Thomas Hollingworth, chief boat-swain's mate on board the U. S. man-of-war *Albatross*, was charged with having assaulted a Chinaman, named Iobing Kee, by drawing a pistol and firing upon him.

The offence was said to have been committed in an auction-room where a row arose between some parties as to who had the right to a pair of shoes just knocked down. Whoever fired and whoever was shot at, the bullet penetrated the arm of Thomas Harding, boat-swain's mate of the *Albatross*, and has not yet been found. He believes the shot was fired by a Chinaman who ran away. The complainant is a butcher who interfered in the disturbance; he swears defendant fired at him; two other witnesses depose to the same effect; one of them a friend of the complainant and in the same employ, the other a clerk with the auctioneer.

Mr. England, who was looking at the prisoner, did not see him fire a pistol or raise his hand; he could not have done so without his seeing it. Commander Johnson and Lieutenant Singer, of the *Albatross*, gave prisoner an excellent character. He was one of the best men on the ship, and although he discharged difficult duties there had never been anything against him. Lieutenant Cowdell, of the *Albatross*, watched the case on behalf of the prisoner. The Court, which is composed of Messrs D. H. Bailey, Esq., Consul General, H. L. Gordon and J. Kowee, has reserved judgment.

The Commission to the Earl of Carnarvon and the others, whose names we gave in a local the other day, appointed to be Commissioners to inquire into the state of the Defences, &c., of the Colonies, is published in the *Gazette*. It sets forth that it has been thought expedient, for divers good causes and considerations, that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire into the condition and efficiency of the means, both naval and military, provided for the defence of the more important sea-ports within our Colonial possessions and their dependencies, and of the stations established or required within our said possessions and dependencies for coaling, refitting, or repairing the ships of our navy, and for the protection of the commerce of our Colonies with the United Kingdom, with each other, and with foreign countries; it being expedient to consider and determine in which of our stations and ports it is desirable, on account of their strategic or commercial importance, to provide an organized system of defence, in addition to such general protection as can be afforded by our naval forces; and whether such defence should consist of permanent work manned by garrisons of Imperial or local troops, or both combined, or of any local naval organization or other armaments and appliances; All that it is desirable to consider whether, and in what proportions, the cost of such measures of defence should be divided between the Imperial Government and the Colonies to which they relate, or should be wholly defrayed by the Imperial Government or by the Colonies. The Commissioners are appointed to enquire and to offer such suggestions as may seem to them most as to the best means (regard being had to the works completed and in progress, and to the ordinary number of our naval and military forces voted by Parliament) of providing for the defence and commerce of our Colonial possessions and their dependencies as they may deem best suited for the requirements of our fleet and mercantile marine in time of war. The Commission is given full power to have access to, call for, and examine all plans for works of defence now in progress or under consideration or any other plans that may be had before them and to call civil, military naval or other witnesses.

The Basle Conference of the Evangelical Alliance has adopted a strong protest against the British opium trade in China, which is to be presented to the English Secretary of State for India.

Some ex-students of the Government School of Art in Calcutta, have determined to establish an art studio of their own, and are prepared, they say, to "paint portraits, landscapes, and ideal scenes according to order, as also stage scenes and processions." They will furthermore undertake all kinds of decorative and lithographic work and wood engraving. Mr. Locke, the Principal of the Government School of Art, thinks the scheme a very good one; and if his old pupils can apply the lessons they learnt from him, they should find no difficulty in making their art studio profitable to themselves and useful to the public. These native artists are quite equal to supplying specimens of art far superior to the kind generally found in Anglo-Indian houses.

Writing of Senor Celso Cesar Moreno, at present in Honolulu as the agent of the China Merchants' S. N. Co., the *Pacific Commercial Advertiser* says:—

This gentleman has been more than once mentioned in these columns as the energetic and persevering projector of a trans-Pacific telegraph cable. He was at Washington in 1879 when our Envoys were working for the Reciprocity Treaty, and, as we understand, aided them so far as he had opportunity; a service which was reciprocated in kind. The Treaty was passed on the 14th, and Senor Moreno's telegraph concession was granted the following day. He is a polished gentleman, a thorough man of the world, and an enthusiast on the subject of his favorite project—the trans-Pacific cable. We doubt not our Government will afford him all the facilities and encouragement in its power.

SOME confusion seems to have been created as to the status of Mr. Moreno in Honolulu. Under the signature of "Celso Cesar Moreno, Special Agent for the China Merchants' Steamship Company," he writes as follows to the local *Advertiser*:—

I understand that the Captain of the steamer *Ho-chung*, under the Chinese flag, has represented to several persons since his arrival here, that I am not the authorized agent of the China Merchants' Steamship Navigation Company, but on the contrary that Mr. Fan Yan Ki, a Chinese passenger by the *Ho-chung*, now here, is the only authorized agent of the aforesaid company.

In answer I have only to say, that I am the authorized agent of said Company, with full power from the President, Mr. Tong-King Sing, and the Board of Directors in writing, in the English and Chinese languages, to act as such.

As an act of justice between man and man, and in behalf of the Company which I have the honor to represent, and to avoid further misunderstanding, I respectfully request that you will give this card publicity in your journal.

A FOURTH Chinese theatre is being erected in San Francisco. It will be a substantial iron building, seating 2,500 persons. There used to be hot rivalry, and the three theatres lost money. Then the competing managers pooled their issues in the Wing Ti Ping, or Company of Eternal Peace; but the peace has already been broken by the new project.

Writing of Dave Carson's special novelty, in addition to his ordinary troupe of Minstrels, the *Ceylon Times* says:—

Colonel Austin's feats of marksmanship comprise shooting at small objects held by Miss Julie Austin, extinguishing two candles at one shot, ripping off the end of a cigar held by the lady in her mouth and shooting a candle from off Miss Austin's head, turning round at the word "ready," and firing smartly to time, in nearly every instance succeeding in his object. The sensational feat is that of breaking the

candle in two while standing with his back to Miss Austin; this Colonel Austin does by taking sight from a small mirror.

It is calculated that the stoppage of business in Calcutta for twelve days during the Durga Puja vacation, which had just come to an end before the departure of the last mail, via *Galle*, represents a check in commerce of three crores of rupees.

Says the *Rangoon Review*:—

The Mahomedan community have decided on sending away the three European perverses, no doubt to remove them from the dangerous influences of their former associates. They propose sending them to Singapore by the S. S. *Fitzpatrick*, and from thence to Mecca. Three more Europeans have expressed their willingness to become proselytes, and are to be received into the Masjid.

(L. & C. Express, Nov. 7.)

Captain Walter J. Hunte-Grubbe, C.B., has been appointed one of Her Majesty's naval Aide-de-Camp, vice Captain Nowell Salmon, V.C., promoted to flag rank. The captain's good service pension of £150 a year, vacant by the retirement of Captain Mountford S. Peile, has been conferred upon Captain Theodore M. Jones, Superintendent of Sheerness Dockyard. Captain Jones, who is in his fifty-first year, entered the Navy, 1841, and served as a cadet in the *Belleisle* under Sir John Kingome, in the first China war, including the storming of Chin-Kiang, and the final operations before Nanking, 1842 (China war medal). In 1866 he was appointed senior lieutenant of the *Retribution* and served with her under the commands of Captain Barker and Edgell in the Pacific and on the China Station. The *Retribution* was the senior ship of the squadron of escort of Lord Elgin, our ambassador to Japan and up the Yang-tse-Kiang, when she was attacked by the Taiping batteries at Nanking. He was promoted commander in 1869, received an additional clasp for the China war, and after serving in the *St. Vincent* flagship at Portsmouth, commanded the *Sphinx* on the China Station from December, 1861, until 1863, taking part in the operations against the Taipings in 1862. From 1871 to 1875 he served as flag captain in the *Glasgow* in the East Indies. He has subsequently commanded the *Hotspur* in the Mediterranean.

The good service pension vacant by the retirement of Captain Peile, R.N., has been conferred on Captain Richard Bradshaw, C.B., R.N., of the *Shah*. Captain Bradshaw entered the Navy in 1845. Promoted commander in 1862, he served with Commodore Montross in the *Severn*, on the East India and China stations from July, 1862, until 1866.

France is evidently alive to what we are doing in Burma, and the recent action of the Resident, *La République Française*, in an article published on the 5th inst., remarks that whatever happens it is impossible for the French to remain indifferent to what may modify the position of affairs in Indo-China. We have, it continues, political and economic interests in this region, and it is a patriotic duty to observe with vigilance everything that may directly or indirectly affect our colony of Cochin China and the Protectorate, which, by virtue of several treaties, we are bound to exercise over Annam and Tonkin.

TO-MORROW'S REGATTA.

To judge by present appearances, there is every prospect of fine weather for the twenty-fourth Victoria Regatta, which begins to-morrow afternoon. Perfect regatta weather, to suit sailors as well as oarsmen, is not always to be had—probably because the yachtsmen sigh for fresh breezes, while the rowers pray for smooth water. It is to be hoped that the wish of each may be gratified in equal measure. The P. & O. *Malacca*, which for many years has been the Flagship of the V. R. C., has been moored in what is now known as "Regatta Bay"; and, as in former years, the H. K. & W. Dock Co's tug *Fame* will leave Peddar's Wharf on each day, at 12.30 and 1.30, with guests to the Flagship. The Regatta is under the patronage of H. E. the Governor.

Some slight alterations have been made on the programme, as will be seen from another column. As it now stands, the principal four-oared events to-morrow will be the races for the Chairman's Cup and German Cup—the International Race and that for the Members' Cup being fixed for Saturday. For the Junior Sculls there have entered Sampson (J.), Coker, and Dunman; and for the Second Race (for gigs) five crews are put down, two from the R.A., two from the Police, and one from the Garrison Staff. The Chairman's Cup entries we have already given in our Rowing Notes; and as this race will be of interest as indicating how the "fours" take the water, we may add that Mr. Woodin and Mr. Friend had their crews for this event on trial last evening, when Mr. Woodin's appeared to be the faster boat of the two. Magenta is apparently more fortunate in his Chairman's crew than he is with his International team; and knowing ones say that the reason is not far to seek. Travers was practising last night under the shamrock, and his Chairman's crew were therefore not under inspection: the Irishmen had a creditable spin, and sat their boat well. There is a large gathering for the men-of-war race for gigs and whalers—three whalers from the French flagship *Armide*, two (whaler and galley) from the *Victor Emmanuel*, a galley from the *Vigilant*, and another from the *Iron Duke*. Messrs Woodin and Dunman alone compete for the Senior Sculls. The race for House-boats pulled by Chinamen will lie between the Police and Commissariat, the only boats entered. *Victoria* (Coker, stk.), *Sylph* (Friend, stk.), *Thistle* (Travers, stk.), and *Zella* (Woodin, stk.) appear for the German Cup, as we have already stated, and a fine race is expected between these crews. The "canoeists" are—Hazelard, Tomlin, Caldwell (G. A.), Angier, Barff, and Sampson (H.).

In the Sailing Races, six entries appear for men-of-war boats, two from the *Egeria*, two from the *Armide*, one from the *Victor Emmanuel*, and one from the *Iron Duke*. For the race for sailing ship's boats three only have entered, two from the British barque *Zella*, and one from the British barque *Laurie*.

The Yachts entered for to-morrow's race are—*Naiad*, *Arctur*, *Wave*, and *Naomi*.

We may compliment the Hon. Secretary of the Club upon the care he has taken to

give every publicity to the rule inculcating punctuality, and trust that his efforts will be successful. Any boat not at its post at the appointed time may be disqualified. The notice concerning pulling and ubiquitous steam-launches will also, we hope, tend to secure a clear course; any obstruction to the racing boats is more provocative of profanity than anything we know of on such an occasion.

THE HARBOUR TRAGEDY: VERDICT OF "WILFUL MURDER."

The enquiry into the death of the woman named Kwok Tai Yow whose body was found in the harbour on the 10th instant, was resumed this afternoon before the Coroner, C. V. Creagh, Esq., and the same Jury as met at the former sitting on the 12th inst.,—Messrs A. J. Ahlmann, J. J. Alongo, and M. A. de Carvalho.

Several Chinese witnesses were examined, but nothing more could be elicited than that they heard a woman quarrelling in a boat with some other person; they all denied any acquaintance with deceased or with the two prisoners, Wong Apak and Kwok Ayow, who have been arrested on suspicion of having caused the woman's death.

Wong Apak, a seaman, and one of the accused said the deceased was his concubine and he had cohabited with her for over ten years. He was not in her boat on the night in question and knew nothing of her death till he was arrested by the police. On the 1st July last he was with the deceased in her boat at Yow-mah-ti when Kwok Ayow threw a night soil pot into her boat, and they had a quarrel. Kwok Ayow said, "Some of these days I will kill you both," but witness does not know whether he, Kwok Ayow, killed deceased or not. He last saw deceased on the 8th instant about noon, in her boat at Yow-mah-ti. His junk was under repairs which were completed on the 8th. While the junk was being repaired he lived with the deceased in her boat.

Kwok Ayow, had nothing to say. He knew nothing of deceased. He never saw her, and does not wish to make any statement.

His Worship observed that there was no direct evidence to bring the charge of murder home to any particular person. If the jury were satisfied in their own minds, from the evidence before them, that a murder had been committed, and were unable to say by whom, they must return a verdict of wilful murder against some person or persons unknown.

This the Jury did unanimously and without hesitation.

SUPREME COURT. IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS. (Before His Honor the Puisne Judge, J. J. Francis, Esq.) Thursday, Dec. 18.

The Sessions opened to-day for the trial of the three cases named in our last night's issue.

The Afuk pleaded guilty of the larceny of a smoking pipe from a house in East Street. He admitted two previous convictions of larceny in 1877, and one of felony in 1878. Prisoner had nothing to say, but threw himself on the mercy of the Court. Sentence, seven years' penal servitude.

Leung Atsoi charged with the larceny of four jackets and one pair of leggings admitted that he intended to steal them, but that he had not actually taken them away. His Lordship considered this a plea of not guilty.

The following gentlemen were empanelled as a jury:—Messrs J. Edgar, F. Rapp, R. H. Boyd, J. D. Woodford, W. Legge, E. D. Sapey, and J. M. Hanlon.

Evidence was led to the effect that the prisoner had taken the clothing from a box in the house, and that the door had been forced. He had been scared and threw the clothes down on the floor and tried to hide himself under a stair, putting a sieve over his face. On being given into custody and searched part of a broken staple was found on his person.

Prisoner had nothing particular to say. He had been in prison before, and would not call any witnesses.

The jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty.

In passing sentence His Lordship reminded prisoner that he had been three times in gaol, the last time for two years. On release from gaol on the latter occasion he had been given every opportunity of leading a better life. Passage for himself, his wife and family had been paid to Macao, and he had received £1.20 from the poor box.

Prisoner said he went to Singapore and returned to Hongkong on receipt of a letter from a friend. He was desirous of returning to Macao, but as he had no money he wished to steal a few mace to pay his passage.

Sentence, ten years' penal servitude.

Man Ayn was next placed at the bar charged on three counts with larceny of clothing and smoking pipes. He admitted taking all the clothes and four (out of five) of the pipes.

The Acting Attorney General accepted a verdict on the first count, entered a *nolle prosequi* on the two. He also called the attention of the Court to the fact that the Superintendent of the Civil Hospital was present, and suggested that he might give evidence respecting the gunshot wound the prisoner had received accidentally when arrested. It might mitigate the punishment awarded by the Court.

His Lordship thought that further inquiry ought to have been made into the circumstances connected with the shooting.

Dr. Wharry said the prisoner's collar bone had been fractured and he had been treated in Hospital from the 27th Nov. till the 3rd Dec. when he was discharged to gaol. He had not seen him since. After examining the wound he considered it unlikely that the prisoner would suffer any permanent injury.

His Lordship awarded a sentence of 18 months' imprisonment with hard labor, and informed the prisoner that if he had not been wounded the sentence would have been much more severe.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A KIND PROPOSAL.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL." Hongkong, December 18.

Sir,—Perhaps some of your readers would be good enough to let me have their old newspapers for the use and amusement of the men on board the merchant ships. I would be very glad to send for them on Monday mornings if I had the names of gentlemen who could spare them. After a long voyage the sailors are so pleased to read news from home which residents here have had for weeks, and are most grateful for the papers. Old books and illustrated papers are also highly appreciated.

I am Sir, Yours faithfully,

JOHN HENDERSON.

[We shall be glad to contribute.—E. C. M.]

China.

AMOI.

The new Masonic Hall on Kulangsu was again lighted up and thrown open to all brethren of the "Mystic Tie" on Saturday evening last. The occasion was that of the installation of Bro. Howard, Harbour Master at Amoy and Junior Warden of the Corinthian Lodge, as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. A large number of distinguished masons were present, no less than five P. M.'s occupying the dais, among whom were most of the brethren from the sister Lodge and many officers from the British and United States' navies. The absence of the *Ling Feng* from the port was much regretted, entailing as it did the absence of her Commander and four of her officers. However, in spite of this and other unlooked-for contingencies, the hall was well filled and a worthy object of admiration to the numerous visitors. We hope to see it "warmed" before long in a manner creditable to the well known hospitality and liberality of the Craft.

FOOCHOW.

(Herald, Dec. 11.)

A French corvette, the *Kerguelen*, arrived in port on the 5th instant, from Shanghai, and left for Hongkong this morning.

The United States flagship *Richmond*, with Admiral Patterson on board, arrived at Pagoda Anchorage on the 5th, and left for Amoy on the 9th instant.

The "Old Folks," or married members of the community, have issued invitations to a Ball at the Club on Thursday next, the 18th instant. We also understand that a Fancy Dress or Calico Ball—to come off about the beginning of the year—is on the tapis.

The question of appointing a successor to the Revd. W. W. Hawkins is, we notice, again cropping up, and it seems not improbable that a new resident British chaplain will be engaged so soon as the necessary guarantee list is fully subscribed by the seafarers.

The presence in port of the American flagship was made the occasion of a very enjoyable *réunion* at the United States Consulate on Monday evening last, when Mr. and Mrs. De Lano, availing themselves of the courtesy of Admiral Patterson, gave a brilliant dance to the music of the *Richmond*'s band. Owing to the distance of the Settlement from the Anchorage, the Foochow community are not often similarly favored, and the numerous guests on Monday night appeared to take every advantage of the hospitality of their popular host and hostess, dancing having been kept up until past midnight. Admiral Patterson and the officers of the *Richmond* were amongst the guests, and we also noticed the Viceroy's aide-de-camp, the Expectant-Taotai Fang. At the close of the evening, Taotai Fang presented to each of the bandmen a silver medal bearing the inscription in Chinese "Fangtung Ling bestows with pleasure."

GRACEFUL CELEBRATION OF ST. ANDREW'S DAY.

When the Shanghai papers came down containing the accounts of the admirably successful Waverley Ball at Shanghai, celebrating St. Andrew's Day, rather a silly little paragraph appeared in the *Daily Press* saying that "the ball given in Hongkong on the occasion of St. Andrew's Day, was a more graceful celebration than the Waverley Ball at Shanghai." The paragraph was to ourselves almost meaningless, but the *Shanghai Courier*, with a literary acumen that surpasses all understanding, and a logic which appeals one, reads the *Daily Press* line, and thus ungrammatically expresses the occult meaning conveyed in the para. which we, in common, we believe, with most of those who read it here, deemed an unqualifiedly stupid one.—"Which can only mean that our southern friends are a little jealous at being outdone." Now let it be distinctly understood that jealousy mixes not with the feelings of Scotchmen of Hongkong entertain towards their "brothers" in Shanghai. We are St. John Tamson's heirs" was flashed along the telegraph cable from one to the other division of exile Scots, only the other day as it seems, on the occasion of the Annual Festival; both the Scots here and in Shanghai lift their hats in reverence to their "suld respectit" parent; they are "brothers a", and the vile Sassanach who dares to talk of "jealousy" should be dealt with by means of a skene-dun. To come to the point, there is not a Scot in Hongkong, if they are without exception the sensible hard-headed fellows we have every good reason to believe them to be, who believe for a moment that anything more graceful than a Waverley Ball to celebrate St. Andrew's Day could be given. So far from being jealous, we are all as glad to hear that the Shanghai Ball was the greatest success it was a great success and that every one was delighted. The Scots here may yet take a last out of the book of the Shanghai Scots. We shall be glad if they do. A Ball of Scotch characters, not necessarily all from Waverley, would be a grand sight and a great success. This would mean, of course no characters, although they appear in Sir Walter's works, which are not Scotch. Those Committee men who, through admirable palmtapping and attention to detail, made the last Ball the greatest success it was, may think the matter over. If a Fancy Ball is to celebrate the Thirtieth of November next year, it should be decided and made known early in August. The only objection to following the lead of the Shanghai Scotchmen in this matter is

probably that found in its expense. St. Andrew's Ball could not then be the large, cosmopolitan gathering which Scotchmen desire to see it, if fancy dresses had to be provided; but the idea is a good one.

COMMERCIAL.

Messrs. DEACON & Co.'s Canton Market Report, dated 16th Dec., says:—

Owing to the change in the time of the departure of the mails, only twelve days have elapsed since our last report was published, and in that interval there has been but a moderate business passing in our Tea market.

Congous.—The position of the market is unaltered, buyers show little desire to be interested at present rates, but as natives have been unwilling to accept any decline, the few settlements reported have been made at former prices.

Scented Teas.—There has been no general demand, and buying has been confined to one firm; both Capers and Pekoes may be quoted a tael to a tael and a half lower, but when quality is taken into consideration, the teas can hardly be said to be cheaper.

The following is a summary of the business since the 4th instant:—

Congou, 1,500 boxes at Tls. 12 a 22 per picul; Scented Capers, 1,500 boxes at Tls. 13 a 28 per picul; Scented Orange Pekoe, 3,400 boxes at Tls. 15 a 22 per picul.

Si-chu.—The market has been only moderately active, and the greater part of settlements were made for last French Mail. As usual when the season is advancing towards a termination, natives exhibit a disinclination to press sales, and they are now asking prices formerly quoted. Settlements of Teasles reals are 430 bales. Curlo and No. 4 are in limited supply, while No. 1 is more than usually plentiful. Stocks in Canton are put at 1,500 to 1,800 bales, and there is little silk remaining in the country. The seventh crop has only produced 200 to 300 bales, and about 80 per cent is said to be yellow thread.

Long-reels.—Only 40 piculs of these kinds are reported as settled. Prices are unchanged.

Re-reels.—No new purchases have been announced, but there are still a large number of unexecuted contracts in hand; the high rates asked are against further operations in these sorts. Stock is estimated at 1,500 to 1,800 bales Teasles, 50 bales Kowkong, 100 bales Cumchuck & Cucklow, and about 200 bales of inferior kinds.

Export of the various descriptions of Teas shipped from Canton Waters (Hongkong, Canton and Macao) to Great Britain to date:—Dec. 4, S. S. *Achilles*, Congou 98,724 lbs., S. S. *Caper* 37,172 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 20,328 lbs., Sorts 1,000 lbs., total 157,224 lbs.; 6, S. S. *Atlanta*, Congou 377,528 lbs., S. S. *Caper* 390,967 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 155,854 lbs., Sorts 1,000 lbs., total 943,609 lbs.; 6, *Telegraph*, Congou 159,770 lbs., S. S. *Caper* 144,537 lbs., total 304,307 lbs.; 34,491 lbs., Sorts 10,000 lbs., total 350,799 lbs.; 7, S. S. *Glenfallach*, Congou 37,821 lbs., S. S. *Caper* none, S. O. Pekoe none, total 37,821 lbs.—making, with previous shipments, a total for the season of 31,223,096 lbs., against 20,789,594 lbs., for season 1878-79.

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Waste.—Settlements, 300 bales. No. 2 is now quoted \$93 per picul.

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".....".....3, \$430
".....".....4, \$415
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Re-reels Cumchuck & Best \$580
".....".....No. 1, \$520
".....".....2, \$500
".....".....3, \$485
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".....".....2, \$93
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